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Term 4

Important Calendar Dates



Week 8	
30 November	Year 6 Dinner
1 December	PSSA
Week 9	
6 December	Excellence Assemblies
Week 10	
11 December	Reports home
12 December	K-2 Christmas Concert
13 December	Celebration of Learning Day – class picnics and disco
15 December	Last day of school, Year 6 final assembly at 1.45pm.
Week 1	2018
29 January	Staff Development Day
30 January	Students Years 1-6 return at 9am, new students to the school in Years 1-6 commence at 10am
5 February	Kindergarten commence at 9.45am

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P&C Movie evening Saturday 25 November

A memorable evening was had by all as we relaxed and enjoyed our second Riverbank Movie evening! Our thanks to Lesley, Jodi and the team of parent volunteers for their tireless efforts. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors for the evening.



Planning for 2018

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. To allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we would like those families who know they will not be returning to the school next year to confirm these details as soon as possible. If you are aware that your child will return to school late next year, I ask that you confirm these details as well. This information is critical for the school's planning, since staffing and student enrolment numbers affects class structures. We are anticipating 1050 students, with 41 mainstream classes and 3 support classes. We are planning for our classes to be grade based rather than stages. However, circumstances can always change as we find it challenging to anticipate growth over the January school holiday period.

Celebration of Learning

On Wednesday 13 December, all students will celebrate 2017 by attending stage discos in our school hall, followed by class picnics.

Creative and Performing Arts Spectacular Evening

Oh what a night! Thank you very much for supporting our CAPA Spectacular last night. Our students are truly talented. Thank you to Miss Edwards and our amazing and very dedicated staff.

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K-2 Concert

K-2 families are invited to attend our end of year K-2 concert. Students have been working hard this term practising songs and dance routines for your enjoyment. The concert will be held on Tuesday 12 December in the School Hall.

- **Kindergarten 9.30am -10.30am**
- **Stage 1 11.30am -1pm**

2017 Excellence Assembly

Please join us in acknowledging our students' achievements as we celebrate excellence and effort. You are invited to attend our Excellence Assemblies next Wednesday 6 December in our School Hall.

- **9.15am – Years 3 - 6**
- **11.30am – Kindergarten to Year 2**

Please add the date and time on your calendar. Parents and carers will be notified in advance if their child is receiving an award. Please note, however, that some awards are only announced on the day. Everyone is welcome to attend; it is not by invitation only.

Events this term

- **Year 6 Dinner Thursday 30 November**
- **Excellence Assemblies Wednesday 6 December Yrs 3-6 9.30am and K-2 11.30am**
- **K-2 Christmas Concert Tuesday 12 December**
- **Year 6 final assembly Friday 15 December 1.45pm**

Have a lovely fortnight.

Jeanie Brown
Principal

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MESSAGE from the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Pets

Pets MUST NOT be brought onto school grounds. This is Departmental Policy. Children have allergies, fears and anxieties that others may not be aware of. No matter how placid you believe your animal to be, it cannot be brought onto school grounds.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Absences

The Department is completing their annual audit on all absences for the year. I will be sending out reminders for absences where the school has not received an explanation. It is extremely important that reasons are received for outstanding absences, as the Department does regularly inspect these.

Your child's absence/s are easily accessible on the Parent Portal.

If you are going on an extended vacation, it is important that you complete the correct documentation before you leave. There are forms located at the school front office that should be completed before your departure. If this documentation is not completed, you may be stopped at the airport and unable to continue on your journey.

Scooters

Children riding to and from school on their scooters must wear a helmet, as it is an enforceable law. Once on school grounds, students must walk their scooters to and from the bike stand. We have had a few instances where students are exiting the school's back gate, riding their scooters in a dangerous manner.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is added to on a regular basis. I have recently added a module where parents who have students in Years 3 and 5 can examine their child's NAPLAN results.

All parents are able to look and print off your child's last report and examine attendance data.

Michael Kammerer
Deputy Principal

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UNIFORM SHOP

There is a new summer uniform option for girls:

Girls short sleeve blouse \$28

Girls pleated shorts \$26

Available NOW sizes 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14

Sizes 4, 16 & 18 can be ordered – these will take approximately 6-8 weeks



Last Day for student banking is Wednesday 6 December 2017.

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Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning at Riverbank Public School. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships.

Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers and parents.

When Things Go Wrong.....When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done.

A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

Our school rules incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing and challenging living and learning environment.

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School Motto

The school's motto, 'Learning to Live, Living to Learn', reinforces a broad and enriching curriculum, which not only focuses on the development of literacy and numeracy skills but also on the social and emotional wellbeing of the students whilst respecting a culturally diverse community.

Riverbank Public School Code of Behaviour

- We share the voice space by listening actively to others and expressing ourselves confidently.
- We follow instructions by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- We use build-ups by saying encouraging, affirming things to others.
- We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves so that everyone is safe.
- We own our own behaviour because we choose how we behave

Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys – School Rules:



YELLOW KEY

Care for Others

GREEN KEY

Think Before Reacting

BLUE KEY

Respect Yourself

RED KEY

Work Together for a
Non Violent Way

BLACK KEY

Expect the Best

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

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Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 7 K-2 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
KE Grace, Bhavmeet	KCN Sahib, Piya
KJ Daniel, Sophia	KG Hemali, Agam
KGW Domenico, Aayan	KM Radinsa, Divit
KS Jamie, Maanvi	1/2B Aaina, Jordan
1/2D Matthew, Vishruth	1/2F Aaditya, Mahi
1/2G Jaidev, Soumya	1/2H Brody, Dylan
1/2J Aayush, Pritish	1/2K Joshua, Adon
1/2L Myra, Tahlia	1/2M Owen, Angelina
1/2N Moala, Kirrilee	1/2R Ziya, Norhan
1/2S Edin, Rohail	1/2T Ronak, Brody
K-2S Jarvis	K-3G Joshua

Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 6 3-6 Merit Awards recipients

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class</u>
3/4A Shridhin, Aidan, Alyssa	5/6B Misha, Maehe, Shivleen
3/4B Sagar, Ella, Lachlan	5/6C Alyssa, Tzara, Charlie
3/4R Cael, Suhanee, Rachel	5/6L Pranay, Anhad, Zeynep
3/4T Gurshaan, Mia, Arjun	5/6N Charli, Jacob, Shivalni
3/4W Connor, Karshan, Syna	5/6R Trei, Supreet, Manseerat
2-6H Michael	5/6T Laura, Ebonee, Vansh

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RPS Sport Update

Summer PSSA

This is the last week for summer PSSA. Players have relished in the opportunity to wear their new jerseys and we have seen great results. After the last round this Friday 1 December, could all jerseys please be washed and returned to your coach on Monday 4 December. It has been a great year of PSSA and we look forward to bigger and better results next year.

NRL Backyard League

K-6 students have thoroughly enjoyed the NRL Backyard League clinics over the past two weeks. Students were encouraged to think strategically about game concepts, become tactically aware and make decisions about the game. Everyone was rewarded with their positive attitude and received a football to further their skills and continue their active lifestyle.



Ben Cain
Sports Organiser

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Week 6 Round 10

AFL

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS

Juniors Lost 15-35 Team Player – Arjun Best and Fairest - Shridhin

Seniors Lost 20-35 Team Player – James Best and Fairest - Georgia

Our hard training this week paid off with junior and senior teams both scoring multiple goals. We are beginning to play well as a team and there were plenty of good marks taken. Riverbank players are starting to move around the field now and are creating some good open space. Looking forward to our final game in Round 12.

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs John Palmer PS

Juniors Won 191-96 Team Player – Ashbi Best and Fairest - Sujaan

Seniors Won 78-73 Team Player – Madhav Best and Fairest – Amrit

The juniors recorded a big win. There were some massive sixes hit which helped record a healthy total of 191. A solid bowling performance kept John Palmer to 96 runs.

Seniors team had a much closer game. They bowled well to restrict the opposition to 73 runs. A solid and determined batting effort saw them chase down the runs.

NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Ironbark Ridge PS

Juniors Lost 3-9 Team Player – Marvin Best and Fairest - Marika

Seniors Lost 2-13 Team Player – Cameron Best and Fairest – Joel

This week the senior's execution of plays was quite impressive. They played simple football, focusing on limiting the amount of mistakes and penalties. Each member is beginning to learn their position which is helping us play together as a team. Keep working hard seniors!

The junior's defensive line has continued to improve. Great to see plenty of communication and some fantastic individual efforts at different times during the game. We are beginning to gain a better grasp of the rules and developing our tactics with every game.

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T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Schofields PS

T-Ball Won 8-3 Team Player – Yana Best and Fairest – Orika

Softball Won 14-10 Team Player – Manseerat Best and Fairest – Shivleen

In the T-ball game, Charlie was able to get 3 batters out and Tanvi worked hard in the batting box to help get runs on the board. Jayme and Yana worked together well to stop the ball and throw it to the base to get the batter and runners out. Yana also ended up with the team vote. Orika was also able to catch the opposition out and earn herself the best and fairest award this week.

In the softball game, there was only time for one innings. Shivleen pitched strongly so the opposition was limited to only 3 runs. She also worked well with Sanjam to get batters running to first. Manseerat played her first game as catcher and her throwing improved throughout the game.

Well done to all the players for their ongoing commitment to developing their skills.

Week 7 Round 11

AFL

BYE

We had a bye this week and enjoyed playing our own games on the high school oval. We are looking forward to our final match next week.

Cricket

Riverbank PS vs Parklea PS

Juniors Won 187-42 Team Player – Chris Best and Fairest - Jupp

Seniors Won 103-71 Team Player – Aarav Best and Fairest – Shan

Juniors and seniors are both playing extremely well. We have been able to play more cricket this term and the consistency of both teams is resulting in some great performances.

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NRL Tag

Riverbank PS vs Kellyville Ridge PS

Juniors Lost 2-12 Team Player – James B Best and Fairest – Rasnam

Seniors Lost 6-10 Team Player – Rory Best and Fairest – Owen

Outstanding performances by both teams this week. Juniors showed off their improved ball skills and began to read the defense, creating plays to break through it. Some precision tagging by Marvin and Bailey made sure we limited the amount of tries our opponents scored.

Seniors played their best game of the season! Fantastic efforts throughout the game with plenty of communication, support and teamwork. Everyone played with passion and continued to work hard throughout the match. It makes me extremely proud as the coach to see this team develop and grow with every match.

T-Ball/Softball

Riverbank PS vs Rouse Hill PS 1

Teeball Lost 5-16 Team Player – Summer Best and Fairest – Misha

Softball Lost 1-12 Team Player – Nupurti Best and Fairest – Julianna

On a scorching day, we arrived with a depleted team to meet an amicable opposition. In the T-Ball game, we took to the bat to plaster 4 runs on the board before the opposition had woken up. Unfortunately, we fell foul to the unrelenting heat over the next few innings which the opposition was able to capitalise on and inch ahead of us. Yana and Jayme worked hard to score runs and were on the ball in the field. Orika played a strong game on second base working hard to minimise the progression of runners. Misha had a superb game scoring a run and backing up infielders when she was working the outfield. Such a performance earned her the Coach's award. Summer just sizzled in the batter's box and kept her eye on the ball as catcher that meant she was the team's vote.

Over in softball, it was a hard and hot game and things just did not go our way. Don't get me wrong, there were moments of brilliance like Shivanna and Manseerat's strong running between bases, Zainab's pitching prowess and Shivleen's powerful pitching. But things were not to be and the opposition ran away with the win.

It is a proud moment when our players work together and persevere in such heat and against an experienced opposition. Well done, teams!

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Swimming Scheme

Throughout last week 120 students from Stage 1 and 2 have been attending swimming scheme lessons. They have been learning about swimming safety and the different signs they need to look out for if they are at a beach, swimming pool or around water. The students have particularly been enjoying their time in the water with students gaining a lot of water confidence over the last week. Stage 1 and 2 teachers



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Ray White Nolan & Iken

is proud to announce the start of our
“Give Back” program for 2017.

From now until the **15 December 2017**, we will be donating
\$500 from every **sale** in **The Ponds** and
\$200 from every **property management** in **The Ponds**.
All funds will go directly towards **Riverbank Public School P&C fundraising initiatives**.
If you are looking to sell or know someone who is, please contact
Rod Nolan on **0416 120 224** or rod.nolan@raywhite.com and
help us give **back to the community**.

A promotional graphic for Manushya Advisory. At the top left is a globe icon. The main title 'Manushya Advisory' is in a blue banner. Below it, a person's hands are shown holding a small white house model. To the left of the hands are four stacked boxes with the words 'HUMANITY', 'PROPERTY', 'YOUR', and 'FUTURE'. At the bottom, there is a photo of Darshan Lal, his name, phone number '0431 362 258', and email 'manushya.advisory@tpg.com.au'. A green box contains text describing the business as a boutique business of new house and land that project manage the build in its entirety to all stages of construction up to handover.

Term Four	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	9 October	10 October Stage 2 Zoo Excursion	11 October	12 October K-6 Walkathon	13 October Assembly K-2 Ridges Music Festival	14 15 Oct
2	16 October Life Education 	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October PSSA resumes Assembly 3-6	21 22 Oct
3	23 October Life Education 	24 October	25 October P&C 9am Interrelate Years 3-6 6pm John Palmer PS	26 October	27 October Assembly K-2	28 29 Oct
4	30 October Grandparents afternoon 2pm	31 October	1 November Parliament	2 November 2018 Kindergarten Transition	3 November Assembly 3-6	4 5 Nov
5	6 November	7 November	8 November	9 November 2018 Kindergarten Transition	10 November Remembrance Day Service Assembly K-2	11 12 Nov
6	13 November	14 November	15 November	16 November 2018 Kindergarten Transition	17 November Assembly 3-6	18 19 Nov
7	20 November Swimming Scheme Yrs 2-4 	21 November	22 November Parliament	23 November	24 November Assembly K-2	25 26 Nov
8	27 November Swimming Scheme Yrs 2-4 	28 November CAPA Spectacular 6pm	29 November Scripture Assembly Volunteers Afternoon Tea	30 November Year 6 Dinner	1 December Assembly 3-6 Last day of PSSA	2 3 Dec
9	4 December	5 December	6 December Excellence Assembly	7 December	8 December	9 10 Dec
10	11 December Reports Home	12 December K-2 Christmas Concert	13 December Celebration of Learning – student fun day	14 December Talent Quest	15 December Year 6 Final Assembly Last Day for Students	16 17 Dec
11	18 December	19 December	20 December	21 December	22 December	23 24 Dec



Off the Shelf

LIBRARY
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Borrowing

Borrowing has now finished for the year. Thank you to all of those students that have gone on “book hunts” to search for those long, lost books! Let’s get them ALL back to their home on our library shelves.

**ALL BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY
Friday 1st December**



***Please note:** Any students that are finishing the school year early need to ensure that all books are returned prior to departure.*

Overdue Notices

These will be sent home to families where students are displaying having an overdue book/s on our system. If the book/s can be found, please return it to the library. Otherwise, please send payment directly to the library (cash only) and include the notice with the payment. Please contact the library with any queries regarding the notice.

Book Club

Issue 8 ordering CLOSSES

1st December 2017

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REGISTERED FOR LOOP?**
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for our awesome

Bonus Book Offers!



Holiday Reading

There are various holiday reading programs run by local libraries and other organisations. Check some of them out here-



Don't forget... keep a record of any PRC books you read over the Summer holidays so you can add them to your PRC record in 2018.

Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates

All students who participate and complete the Premier's Reading Challenge receive a certificate at the end of the year. Special certificates are awarded to students who have completed the challenge on four occasions (gold level) and also after seven (platinum level). All other students will receive a completion certificate with their semester two report.

*Congratulations to the students pictured below on achieving **PLATINUM LEVEL**:*



L to R: Jiya 5/6N, Upasana 5/6N & Caitlin 5/6L

*And to the following students on achieving **GOLD LEVEL***

Stage 3

Keira S
Ebonnee A
Marika J
Damon K

Stage 2

Zoe C
Aditi
Mitali G
Ethan C
Jocelyn L
Janice M

Stage 1

Vanessa N
Aidan P
Nisha R
Anushka S
Samarpal S
Tanvi N

Soumya U
Tatsat



Happy Holidays!

This will be the final edition of 'Off the Shelf' for 2017. We would like to publicly acknowledge Mrs Brown and the entire Riverbank PS community for their wonderful support of the library once again in 2017. The students benefit immensely from having a well-resourced library that provides a rich environment of quality literature and prioritises our students well-being. Best wishes to you all- keep safe and keep reading!





Creative Arts

at Riverbank

'CAPA Spectacular' Performance Night

Please come along to our 'CAPA Spectacular' performance evening to celebrate another wonderful year of Creative and Performing Arts at Riverbank.

Date: Tuesday 28th November 2017

Time: The performance will begin at 6pm.

Students who are performing are required to meet at 5:15pm

Location: The Ponds High School Hall

This performance will be showcasing all of the items from the following groups:

- Kindergarten Dance Group
- Stage 1 Dance Group
- Stage 2 Dance Group
- Stage 3 Dance Group
- Senior Boys Dance Group
- Bollywood Dance Group
- Junior Choir
- Senior Choir
- Senior Drama Group

We are looking forward to seeing you all there, at what should be a wonderful night!

Kindergarten and Stage 1

Christmas Concert

Students in Years K-2 will be putting on an end of year Christmas concert, to celebrate all of the hard work they have put in to their learning this year.

Parents we would love if you could attend this concert to help us celebrate the end of another great year.

Date: Tuesday 12th December 2017

Location: Riverbank P.S Hall

Time: Kindergarten concert – 9:30am

Stage 1 concert – 11:30am

The students are very excited to share this experience with you all!

Reminders:

We are very pleased to be continuing to offer private music tuition to students at Riverbank for 2018.

The current music program has been very successful, with our students learning violin and guitar.

Students will receive an expression of interest form in the next coming weeks, for students who are interested in continuing or beginning music tuition lessons.

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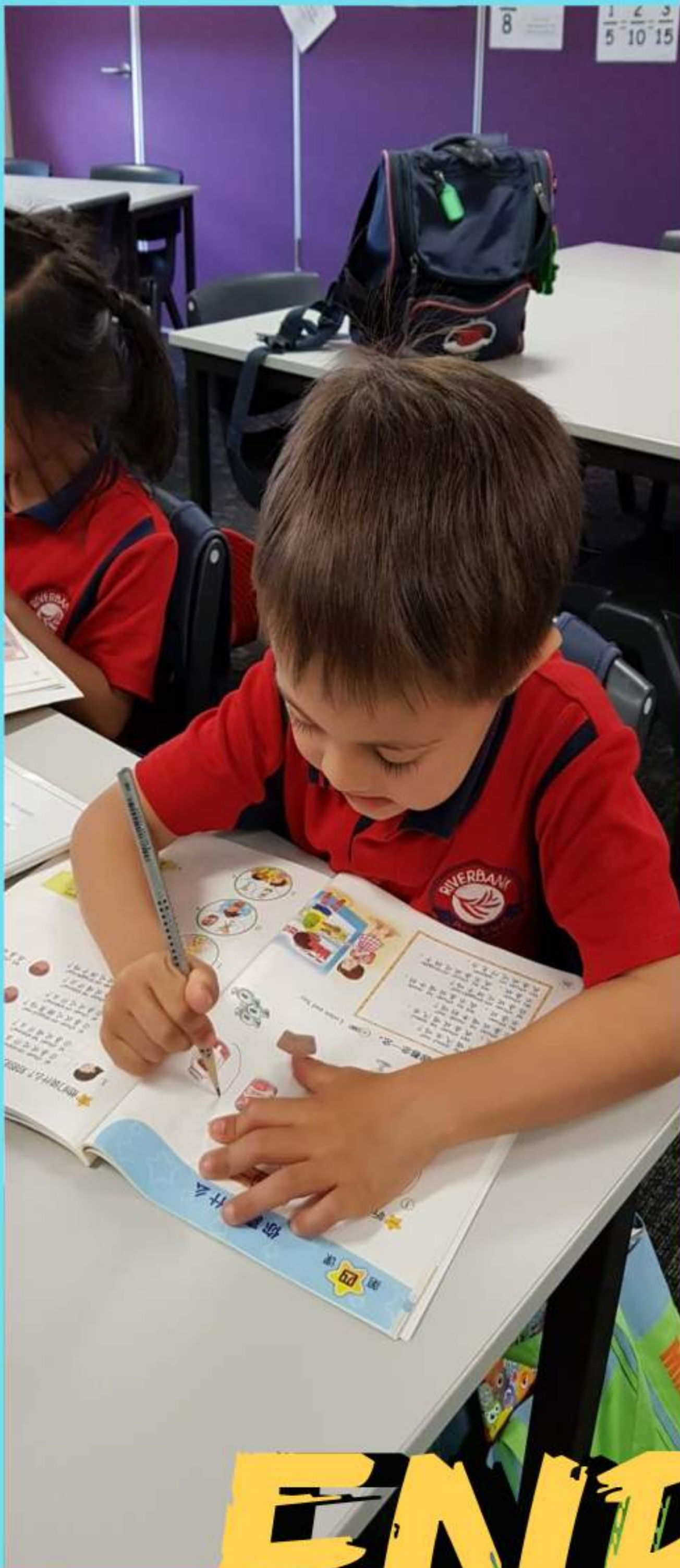
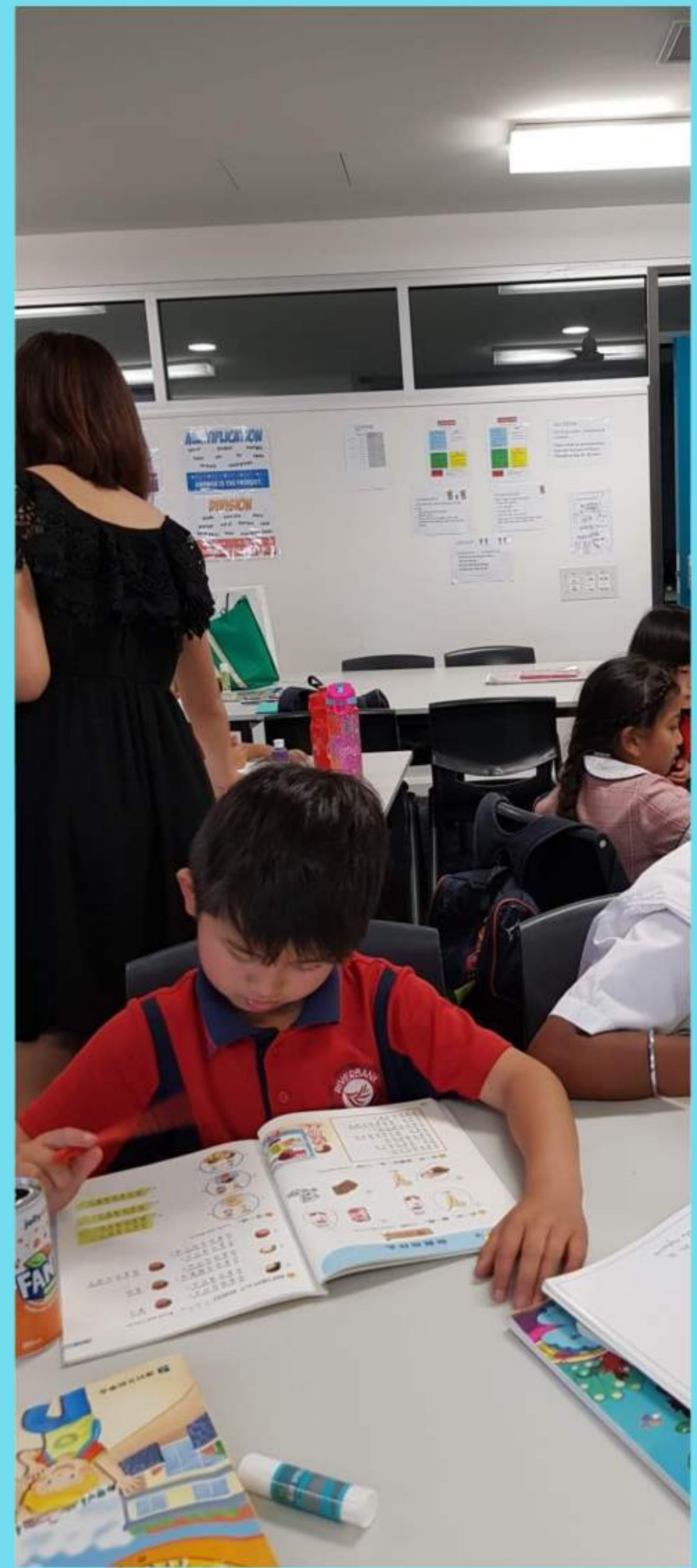
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